
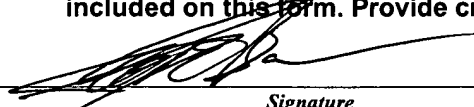
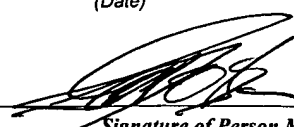


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Invention: <b>PAINT SPUTTER FLUID FLOW CONTROL APPARATUS FOR PAINT SPRAYERS</b>					
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.



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